

# President Warns Americans Against Rash Judgement and Criticism of Nations at War

## GERMANS ARE ON DEFENSIVE IN THE NORTH

Belgium Reports Movement in Direction of Brussels Arrested.

## ANTWERP NOW CAPITAL

Kaiser Goes to the Front, Showing Big Battle Seems to Be Drawing Nearer.

Paris, Aug. 18.—The Figaro's Brussels dispatch says the battle in the north is turning to the advantage of Belgium.

London, Aug. 18.—A Reuter's Brussels dispatch says all the German troops recently fronting the Belgians have taken up strictly defensive entrenched positions according to an official announcement by the Belgian war office.

Brussels, (via London) Aug. 18.—The German incursion in the direction of Brussels seems to have definitely stopped, according to an official communication by the war office at noon today. The announcement adds, "The situation remains excellent for our army."

Numbers of Opposing Lines. London, Aug. 18.—Messages received from the battle front yesterday indicated that Germany was pressing forward, hoping to force a decisive battle with the French troops as soon as possible.

Hemmed in by the allied forces of France, England, and Belgium to the west, and by 800,000 Russians, who invaded eastern Germany yesterday, Emperor William is said to be at Mainz directing his army.

More than 3,000,000 soldiers are marshaled against the Kaiser's army. Of these 800,000 are Russians, 400,000 are in the forces of the allies in Belgium, and 1,000,000 French troops on the Franco-German border.

The combined armies of Germany operating against Belgium and France are estimated at 2,500,000 men. The Germans in Belgium have been reinforced by Austrian troops under Count von Bodon, commander in chief of the Second German army corps.

Germans Continue Advance.

Despite many reverses at the hands of the Belgian and French troops, the Germans, by weight of numbers, seem to be driving forward, and in the south of Belgium they yesterday reached a point only 15 miles from the French border.

The Kaiser's troops also are advancing to the north and west from Liege and threatening Brussels. This was shown in the following dispatch to Reuter's agency from Brussels:

"The seat of government has been moved to Antwerp. Measures have been taken for the defense of Brussels because of the approach of German cavalry."

Kaiser at Mainz.

London, Aug. 18, 5 a. m.—An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Mainz says that the German emperor, accompanied by three of his sons, including Crown Prince Frederick William, has arrived there. Mainz is 115 miles from Strasbourg.

Marsellaise Saves Battle.

London, Aug. 18.—A dispatch from Brussels to the Exchange Telegraph company declares that the French casualties in the battle between Namur and Dinant were heavy, as the Germans were strongly entrenched and their artillery at the outset played great havoc with the French.

The slinging of the Marsellaise turned the tide of battle. The French wing at Dinant had been badly cut up and nearly routed when the strains of the French national song suddenly were heard in the ranks. It spread all along the line and the French rallied and reformed.

With splendid gallantry, according to the dispatch, they charged, hurling themselves on the German troops, breaking through their lines and putting them to flight.

London, Aug. 18.—Prince Alexander of Teck, brother of Queen Mary and future governor general of Canada, is going on foreign service.

## THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for Rock Island, Davenport, Moline and Vicinity.

Unsettled tonight and Wednesday; probably showers and thunder; cooler. Highest yesterday 94. Lowest last night 78. At 7 a. m. 79. Temperature at 3 o'clock p. m. 96. Precipitation, none. Wind velocity at 7 a. m. 10 miles an hour.

Relative humidity at 7 p. m. yesterday 42 per cent. At 7 a. m. today 70 per cent.

River stage at 7 a. m., 2.7 feet, a fall of .1 in the last 24 hours.

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

## ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Evening stars: Jupiter, Venus, Mars. Morning stars: Saturn, Mercury. About 9 p. m. eight constellations appear close to the horizon from the northwest around south and east to the north.

## POPE IN STATE OF HIGH FEVER

Pontiff's Condition, Due to War Worry, Occasions Alarm, Says Report.

London, Aug. 18.—The Chronicle's correspondent at Milan, Italy, says Pope Pius is in a state of high fever and his condition occasions serious alarm.

Notwithstanding his weakness the pope insisted yesterday upon receiving from the papal secretary of state, Cardinal Merry del Val, a complete report on the war situation, the latest news from the field and the possible developments. The pontiff has expressed his most ardent desire to do anything in his power to check the bloodshed.

## GERMAN CRUISERS DISABLED IN EAST

Two of Kaiser's Navy Brought to Hong Kong in Badly Battered Condition.

Shanghai, Aug. 18.—Two German cruisers have been disabled and brought into Hong Kong. Confirmation of this fact was received here today. The deck works, turrets and barbettes of the two cruisers were demolished and her masts and funnels were shot away. The sides were stained with blood which had run through her scuppers.

Two warships badly damaged and carrying many wounded were reported to have entered Hong Kong harbor several days ago. At the time it was believed they were either British or French cruisers which were reported to have had an engagement with two German cruisers.

## NEGRO'S VICTIMS NOW SIX IN WISCONSIN TRAGEDY

Spring Green, Wis., Aug. 18.—Thomas Brunker died today, bringing to six the number of persons killed by Julian Carleton, the malatto cook at the bungalow of Frank Wright Saturday. Brunker was terribly burned in the fire at the bungalow after which he was slushed by the hatchet of Carleton, who is today fighting for life against acid taken with suicidal intent. Brunker is survived by 19 children.

## TO STOP EXPORTATION OF NEEDED FOODSTUFFS

Washington, D. C., Aug. 18.—Representative Vane of Pennsylvania has introduced a bill in the house authorizing the president to forbid by proclamation the exportation of foodstuffs, clothing and other contraband of war if the exportation threatens to increase the price to consumers in this country. The penalty of the violation is set at a fine of \$1,000 and a year's imprisonment.

## FRENCH ADVANCE AGAIN IN ALSACE

Paris, Aug. 18.—An official announcement says: "All day Monday we continued to progress in upper Alsace. The enemy's retreat from this side was in disorder. They abandoned everywhere their wounded and stores."

This telegram was received from Commander-in-Chief Joffre. The official communication adds the French occupied all the region to the west of Fénétrange, 32 miles inside the German frontier in Lorraine.

The war office declared that in all sections the past few days the Germans sustained serious losses, the French artillery having frightful effects on the enemy.

## BRITISH LAND MORE TROOPS TO AID FRANCE

Strength of New Expeditionary Force is Kept Secret by War Office.

## CENSOR BELGIAN NEWS

Policy of Secrecy Extended to Conceal Cooperative Plan of Campaign.

There is good reason to believe that a serious engagement in which the German advance is opposed by the troops of Belgium and France has been going on since Monday, south of Brussels. No definite news of the progress of the encounter, however, has been received. The announcements from London and Paris that no war correspondents will be allowed in the field, coupled with Great Britain's request to Belgium to expel all correspondents now in the zone of operations, make it probable that the story of the first great battle will be told only in official reports. Germany prohibits all correspondents from going with the army. Russian military regulations governing correspondents are drastic, that country having profited by her experiences in the Russo-Japanese war.

It is believed the British army in France numbers about 100,000 to 120,000. Before his departure from Berlin Sunday to the front Emperor William issued a decree which said, "I am firmly confident that with the help of God, the bravery of the German army and navy and the unquenchable unanimity of the German people during these hours of danger, victory will crown our cause." Many German princes who are not on the active service have started for headquarters.

British Expedition Lands. London, Aug. 17 (midnight).—(Delayed by censor.)—The most important revelation of the day has been that of the landing of a British expeditionary army on the shores of France. Everybody in England has known for two weeks that a large army was crossing the channel. Troops were assembled at different bases, one of the largest contingents embarking at Dublin, Ireland. Many other regiments sailed from Liverpool, still others from Eastbourne and Southampton and other ports along the coast of the English channel.

The strength of the expedition, the names of the regiments composing the contingents and the ports they landed at was not allowed to be made public. It is known, however, that a large proportion of the best troops of the British army is now on continental soil.

Why Belgians Moved Capital.

It is pointed out in authoritative circles here that the withdrawal of the Belgian government from Brussels to Antwerp may mean the fighting in Belgium is drawing closer to the capital or may be merely a precautionary measure.

Belgian Reports Kept Secret.

Now that the three allied armies are working together on a cooperative campaign scheme, the policy of secrecy has been extended to Belgium, and as a fountain of picturesque news that country has suddenly dried up.

The official news bureau says not a single casualty has occurred during the embarkation, transportation and disembarkation of the men and stores of the British expeditionary forces.

When the death of General Grierson from heart failure was announced today as having occurred "while traveling on a train," everybody in official circles understood that the general had been stricken in France.

The official news bureau announced,

## THE MASTER AND HIS VICTIM



## CROWN PRINCE LIES WOUNDED

Kaiser Reported to Have Hurried to His Son's Bedside at Aix-la-Chapelle.

Paris, Aug. 18.—An official announcement here says the rumor is persistent at the Hague that the German crown prince, seriously wounded, is lying at Aix-la-Chapelle, whither Emperor William has hastened to his side.

London, Aug. 18.—A Havas dispatch says an official communication made public at Paris attaches credence to the report that the crown prince of Germany, seriously wounded, is now at Aix-la-Chapelle.

"no casualties have yet occurred in the British army."

Germans Near Antwerp.

London, Aug. 18.—German cavalry patrols have been signaled to the northward of Antwerp, according to a correspondent of Reuter's. The military governor has ordered the entire civil guard of Antwerp to be mobilized on a war footing to take their positions in the forts around Antwerp.

## AUSTRIAN TORPEDO BOAT SUNK BY MINE AT POLA

London, Aug. 18.—A News Rome dispatch says the Austrian torpedo boat No. 19, struck a mine at the entrance of the harbor at Pola, the Austrian naval base in the Adriatic, and went down. Only one of the crew was saved.

## CLEVELAND TO BOYCOTT ALL HIGH PRICED FOOD

Cleveland, Aug. 18.—Preparations for calling a boycott on eggs, beans and veal are under way, according to President Krause of the "Thirty-Cent Egg Club." He declared the move would force prices downward within three days.

## CARRY EUROPEAN MAILS TWICE WEEKLY EACH WAY

New York, Aug. 18.—The American and Red Star lines have arranged with the postoffice department for Atlantic mail service on Wednesdays and Saturdays, both from New York and Liverpool by steamers flying the American flag.

## HEAVY FIRING IS HEARD NEAR CALIFORNIA COAST

Monterey, Cal., Aug. 18.—Reports of heavy firing at sea were received here last night from several sources. The firing is said to have lasted from 7:20 to 8 o'clock.

Russian Mobilization Complete.

London, Aug. 18.—The Russian embassy has received a communication from the general staff at St. Petersburg saying that Russian mobilization has been completed and that eleven members of the Russian imperial family already are at the front.

## AMERICAN LANDS IN PACIFIC SAFE

British Officials Say Japanese Activity to Be Only in Chinese Seas.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 18.—Japan's determination to localize her operations against Germany to Kiaochow and the China sea without extending them to the wide range of Germany's extensive possessions throughout the Pacific gives distinct relief to officials here as narrowing the range of conflict in the far east within definite lines. Germany's chain of islands extends well across the Pacific.

Japan's ultimatum to Germany to withdraw from Kiaochow has been delivered to Berlin via Copenhagen.

London, Aug. 18.—The following statement was issued last night by the British official press bureau:

"Any action Japan takes against Germany will not extend beyond the China seas, except in so far as may be necessary to protect Japanese shipping lines."

Tokio, Aug. 18.—The Japanese newspapers, commenting upon the ultimatum sent by Japan Saturday to Germany, demanding the withdrawal of German warships from the orient and the evacuation of Kiaochow, say they consider the document to be reasonable.

No anti-German sentiment has been displayed here.

San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 18.—"The Japanese fleet will protect American and Japanese merchantmen in Asiatic waters," declared Y. Numana, the Japanese consul general here, in discussing the possibilities of hostilities between Japan and Germany. "American trade with the orient will not be endangered."

"Japan is ten times as strong in the orient as Germany," continued the consul general, "and if the German emperor refuses to comply with the terms of the Japanese ultimatum his forces will be crushed at one blow."

## MONUMENT OF PEACE DEDICATED IN NORWAY

Stockholm, Aug. 18.—The Swedish-Norwegian monument of peace erected on the Norwegian frontier near Chailottenberg, was unveiled Sunday in the presence of ten thousand persons, including members of the parliaments of the two countries.

It is rumored here that the German vice consul at Abo, Finland, and his three brothers, were condemned to death and executed at St. Petersburg. They were charged with having tried to procure ten Finnish pilots for German warships.

Four German Aviators Killed.

Paris, Aug. 18.—A German aeroplane was destroyed in Russia, near Samno, and four German aviators were killed, according to an official announcement here. It is thought Salma, Finland, is probably meant.

## SERBS VICTORS; AUSTRIANS FLEE

Fifteen Thousand of Invaders Reported Annihilated in the Battle at Sabac.

Nish, Serbia, Aug. 17. (via London), Aug. 18.—The Austrians have been completely defeated near Sabac, 27 miles west of Belgrade, according to governmental sources. They fled toward Lesniza, pursued by the Serbians who cut up three regiments and captured 14 guns.

The Serbian legation at London has received a telegram from its premier which says: "The Austrians were completely routed in the mountains near Sabac and 15,000 were annihilated and 14 guns were captured. The Austrians are fleeing in great disorder to recross the rivers Save and Drina and are being hotly pursued by our troops."

## FEWER ALIENS REACH U. S.

Official Figures Show Heavy Decrease First Half of August.

Washington, Aug. 18.—War's effect upon the tide of immigration into the United States was indicated yesterday by official figures showing a decrease of more than 50 per cent in the number of aliens coming in during the first half of August, compared with the same days last year. From Aug. 1 to 14 the immigrants numbered 20,986, compared with 56,470 last year.

Belgian Town Burned.

London, Aug. 18.—A Times Hague dispatch says the Germans have completed the destruction of Vise, Belgium by burning what was left after the previous fire. All the inhabitants of the town were driven into Holland.

## BOSNIA INVADED BY MONTENEGRO

London, Aug. 18.—A dispatch from Rome to the Exchange Telegraph company says the Montenegrin troops have crossed the Bosnian frontier and occupied the town of Tschinitza after a battle.

The dispatch adds that the Montenegrins have captured eight Austrian blockhouses in Herzegovina, between Bliek and Trebinje. They have occupied seven villages near Trebinje and have taken twelve Austrian officers prisoners.

In a dispatch from Cetinje, Montenegro, the correspondent of Reuter's News Agency says Montenegrin forces have been engaged for the last two days with a strong detachment of Austrian troops in the neighborhood of Grahovo. The Montenegrin casualties in dead and wounded were forty-five.

On Aug. 16 the Austrians attacked the western frontier of Montenegro from Krivosije to Grahovo, at the same time Austrian vessels bombarded the Montenegrin position at Lovcen.

## LET AMERICA SHOW POISE SAYS WILSON

Citizens of United States Warned Against Taking Sides in War.

## GREAT DANGER SHOWN

"Most Subtle Breach of Neutrality May Spring From Violent Partisanship."

Washington, D. C., Aug. 18.—Addressing the American people, President Wilson today issued a statement in connection with the European war warning the citizens of the United States against "that deepest, most subtle, most essential breach of neutrality which may spring out of partisanship, out of passionately taking sides."

The president's statement continues: "The effect of the war upon the United States will depend upon what American citizens say or do. Every man who really loves America will act and speak in the true spirit of neutrality, which is the spirit of impartiality, fairness and friendliness to all concerned. My thought is of America. I am speaking, I feel sure, the earnest wish and purpose of every thoughtful American that this great country of ours should show herself in this time of peculiar trial a nation fit beyond others to exhibit the fine poise of undisturbed judgment, dignity, self-control, efficiency of dispassionate action—a nation that neither sits in judgment upon others nor is disturbed in her own councils and which keeps herself fit and free to do what is honest and disinterested and truly serviceable for the peace of the world."

The president is understood to be deeply concerned because nationalized Americans, who came from countries now at war, have taken sides in public discussion in the United States of the European war. On previous occasions he has spoken against what he termed "hyphenated Americans," declaring a citizen of the United States should be an American only, not Irish-Americans, German-Americans or other classifications of the sort. This feeling is understood to have prompted the issuance of his statement today.

Germans Appeal to President.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 18.—The National German-American alliance has appealed to President Wilson to plead with Japan to refrain from carrying the European war into the far east.

"Instead of throwing a firebrand war into the far east," says the appeal, "Japan should be fair and submit any grievance she has against Germany or any other nation to The Hague."

The German-American alliance's petition and other appeals are receiving attention in official quarters, but no announcement has yet been made of the government's course.

## SENATOR ROOT SPEAKS TO NEW YORK REPUBLICANS

Saratoga, N. Y., Aug. 18.—Addressing the New York republican state convention which met here today under the novel condition of being without power to nominate candidates for office, since the new primary law calls for their selection by the voters of the party at the primary election Sept. 28, United States Senator Elihu Root, the temporary chairman of the convention, pointed out the most essential factors which might lead to republican success this fall.

It is, as he noted, the first time in 18 years that the republican party of the state comes to the election of its state government and its national representatives as the party of opposition both in the state and nation. The party was about to appeal, he said, to the voters of the state not only for a judgment upon the conduct of the government by the democratic party at Albany, but also in Washington.

His estimate of the progressive movement he reflected as follows: "In this controversy with the democratic party the republican party stands alone. The threat of a third party, which alarmed so many republicans two years ago and still vexed us one year ago has practically disappeared. It is now plain that it never had any real substance apart from the powerful personality of Mr. Roosevelt."